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SUBJECT: FY 76 IV PROGRAM

REF: BOGOTA 8026

1. DEPT APPRECIATES POST'S COMMENTS ON PROVISIONAL ALLOCATION. ONE PURPOSE OF ALLOCATION WAS TO ELICIT SUCH COMMENTS AND BRING TO LIGHT POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDINGS OR CHANGES OF POST PLANS SINCE SUBMISSION OF CPP.

2. ALLOCATION WAS CONSTRUCTED ON BASIS CPP (BOGOTA FM-9, MARCH 25, 1975), WHICH REQUESTED TOTAL OF 15 IVS WITH POSSIBLE TWO MORE. WHILE CPP DID NOT SPECIFICALLY INDICATE WHETHER IT WAS INTENDED TO COVER 12-MONTH FY 76 OR ALSO INCLUDED 3-MONTH SPECIAL ACCOUNTING FIGURE, COST OF PROPOSAL LED DEPT TO ASSUME LATTER WAS THE CASE SINCE TOTAL COST (NOT INCLUDING COMMISSION OVERHEAD) EXCEEDED 15-MONTH PLANNING FIGURE.

3. TOTAL NUMBER IVS PROVISIONALLY ALLOCATED WAS 16, DIRECTLY IN RANGE OF NUMBER REQUESTED. AS OF AUGUST 26 NO IV GRANTS FOR COLOMBIA HAVE BEEN ISSUED THOUGH 12 NOMINATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. UNLESS SOME OF THESE CANDIDATES
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ARE SCHEDULED SOON, POST MAY EXPERIENCE SOME DIFFICULTY IN

MEETING TARGET OF 60 PERCENT OF IVS TRAVELLING BEFORE
DEC. 31.

4. DEPT CANNOT PROVIDE DEFINITE TOTAL ALLOCATION FIGURES
PRIOR TO CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON AND OMB ALLOTMENT OF
APPROPRIATION TO CU. SEEMS UNLIKELY SIGNIFICANT INCREASE
IN ALLOCATION POSSIBLE, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF 26 PERCENT
INCREASE IN COLOMBIA BUDGET OVER PAST TWO YEARS. CON-
SEQUENTLY IF POST WISHES SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN NUMBER IV
GRANTS, POST MUST ADDRESS ISSUE OF WHERE COMMISSION PRO-
GRAM MIGHT BEST BE CUT BACK.

5. DEPT PREPARED RECONSIDER COLOMBIA ALLOCATION DE-
PENDING ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, BUT SUGGESTS AS FIRST
ORDER OF BUSINESS THE SCHEDULING OF THOSE IV CANDIDATES
FOR WHOM PROVISIONAL ALLOCATION ALREADY MADE. INGERSOLL

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